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1. In February 1953, five three-ton diesel steam shovels were finished at the USIA-controlled Waagner-Biro plant in Vienna. Twenty steam shovels should have been completed, but preparation of inaccurate blueprints by the Waagner-Biro engineers caused a delay in schedule.
2. These shovels are modeled after one which was exhibited by the Soviets at the Vienna Autumn Fair, 1952, and are destined for shipment to the USSR. They are an all-purpose type, and can be used for digging, lifting, or grading.
3. An assembly-line system has been established at Waagner-Biro to speed up production of these shovels; the production quota for March is 12.

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the production of 1,000 scoop steam shovels had been placed with Waagner-Biro, which were to be delivered within three years. The schedule for 1953 calls for the delivery of 120 steam shovels.

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